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Highlights

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ICYMI: THIS WEEK AT THE AGENCIES

[EPA Says Ex-Region 9 Chief Was Incompetent, Abused Travel](#)

By Stephen Lee

The EPA has fired back against its former chief in California, Nevada, and Arizona, accusing him of incompetence and abuse of travel privileges.

[EPA's Ex-California Boss Cites 'Frustration' With Leadership \(3\)](#)

By Stephen Lee

Michael Stoker, administrator of the EPA region that covers California, Nevada, and Arizona, abruptly left the agency on Wednesday.

[Trump's Second War on Regulation May Tie Up EPA in Red Tape](#)

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy and Cheryl Bolen

President Donald Trump declared war on regulations in his first term, ordering that for every new rule issued two others had to be eliminated.

Land Bureau May Exempt Plans From Environmental Review (1)

By Bobby Magill

The Bureau of Land Management may stop studying how its long-term blueprints for millions of acres of public lands would affect the environment, according to a document shared with Bloomberg Environment.

COURTS AND LAW

'Run Like Heck' from Relying on NEPA Update: Industry Lawyer (1)

By Ellen M. Gilmer

Businesses should remain cautious about the Trump administration's plans to overhaul National Environmental Policy Act regulations, a lawyer representing energy companies and other industries said Friday.

EPA Lawyer Foresees Nagging Regulatory 'Patchwork' on Water Rule

By Ellen M. Gilmer

A patchwork of federal water regulations could be ahead, with different standards in place in different states, the EPA's top lawyer said Friday.

CHEMICALS

Rule Limiting PFAS in Imported Goods Coming by June, EPA Says (1)

By Pat Rizzuto

The EPA must issue a final regulation restricting imported products with older "forever chemicals" by June, the head of the agency's chemical and pesticides offices said Thursday.

Proposed PFAS Class Action to Stay in Ohio (2)

By Ellen M. Gilmer

Federal judges have declined to transfer a high-stakes lawsuit that seeks to establish a nationwide class of people with PFAS in their blood to a complex bundle of litigation in South Carolina.

California County Shuts Down Fifth of Water Wells Over PFAS (2)

By Emily C. Dooley

California wants to slash the allowable levels in drinking water for two "forever chemical" compounds, immediately prompting agencies supplying water to 2.5 million residents in Orange County to remove a fifth of their wells from service.

Pentagon Watchdog Probes Efforts to Address 'Forever Chemicals' (1)

By Andrea Vittorio

A military watchdog is opening a probe this month into the Defense Department's efforts to identify, mitigate, and clean up contamination from so-called forever chemicals.

Wolverine World Wide Files \$70M Chemical Settlement in Michigan

By Alex Ebert

Clothier Wolverine World Wide Inc. filed a consent decree in federal court Monday agreeing to pay \$69.5 million to settle claims that it's responsible for fluorinated chemical contamination found in drinking water in the Michigan townships of Plainfield and Algoma.

Prepare for 'Forever Chemicals' Lawsuits, Swedish Military Told

By Marcus Hoy

Sweden's armed forces should prepare for more damage claims resulting from contamination with PFAS, the nation's Environment Ministry said.

New York's Cuomo Signs Toxic Toy Bill (1)

By Keshia Clukey and Emily C. Dooley

Manufacturers of children's toys, care products, clothing, and furniture sold in New York will have to disclose toxic chemicals used in their products, under a bill that Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo (D) signed Friday.

EPA Defends Call to Allow Commercial Use of Deadly Paint Stripper

By Adam Allington

The EPA is defending its decision to allow continued use of a potentially deadly paint stripper for commercial applicators.

Corteva to Stop Making Controversial Chlorpyrifos Pesticide (2)

By Adam Allington

Corteva Agriscience announced Thursday it will stop production of the insecticide chlorpyrifos by the end of the year.

CLIMATE

California Climate Cases Against Big Oil Go Before Judges (1)

By Ellen M. Gilmer

Industry and local government lawyers squared off in another high-stakes climate case Wednesday, arguing over whether California cities and counties can wage their legal fight against the oil and gas industry in state court.

Carbon Storage, Direct Air Capture Bill Gains Momentum

By Dean Scott

A bill that has already gotten bipartisan Senate backing to spur underground storage and direct air capture of carbon dioxide emissions gained momentum Thursday, as top House Energy and Commerce Committee Democrats praised the measure even as they called for significant changes.

House GOP Eyes Multi-Year Carbon Capture Credit in Climate Plan

By Dean Scott and Amena H. Saiyid

House Republicans are pushing for a multi-year extension of existing tax credits for power plants and oil and gas operations that capture and store carbon dioxide—one climate policy getting rare backing from environmental and industry groups.

Conservative Lobbyists Ask GOP Lawmakers to Back a Carbon Tax

By Stephen Lee

Dozens of conservatives from red districts in states like Kentucky, Michigan, and Virginia fanned out across Capitol Hill Tuesday to lobby lawmakers for a free-market solution to climate change.

Trillion Tree Plan Could Be Centerpiece of GOP Climate Package

By Dean Scott

Republicans in Congress said Wednesday that President Donald Trump's embrace of a global tree-planting initiative could make the proposal a centerpiece of a forthcoming GOP climate change package.

BGOV Bill Summary: H.R. 4737, Climate Change & Homeland Security

By Michael Smallberg

The Homeland Security Department would have to consider how climate change caused by human activity affects homeland security and emergency planning under H.R. 4737.

Green Homes, Tiny Trips Could Help 'Climate-Proof' California

By Emily C. Dooley

California needs more than a boost in electric vehicles and a 100% clean energy sector by 2045 to meet its climate goals.

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Energy Sec. Brouillette to Announce New Funding for Coal Plants

By Ari Natter

Energy Dept to make \$64 million available to what it has labeled as 'coal plants of the future,' facilities that are smaller than conventional sites making them more nimble, efficient and cleaner.

White House Weighs 'Alternative Uses' for Coal Beyond Utilities

By Ari Natter

The Trump administration is seeking alternative uses for coal as it acknowledges its use in generating electricity is declining.

Oil, Gas Booster Sgamma Makes Foes 'Wish She Were on Our Side'

By Tripp Baltz

To Kathleen Sgamma, the Trump administration's recent unveiling of a proposal to speed up environmental permitting for infrastructure projects marked a huge victory in a battle she has waged for more than a decade.

Trump Withholding \$823 Million for Clean Energy, Democrats Say

By Ari Natter

The Trump administration is withholding nearly a billion dollars for a clean energy program it has unsuccessfully tried to cut, congressional Democrats said Wednesday, raising the specter of political interference.

Interior Allows for Coal Mining in Former Utah Monument Land (1)

By Bobby Magill

The Trump administration has finalized plans to allow logging in parts of Utah's Grand Staircase-Escalante and Bears Ears national monuments, and coal mining and other minerals development in areas carved out of the monuments.

Trump Wouldn't Fine BP for Bird Killings if Oil Spill Recurred

By Bobby Magill

The Trump administration wouldn't fine an oil company under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act for the mass killing of birds if another oil spill similar to the BP Deepwater Horizon disaster occurred, Robert Wallace, an assistant Interior secretary, told a Senate committee.

AIR, WATER, AND WASTE

Trump, in Reversal, Opposes Nevada Yucca Nuclear Waste Dump (2)

By Ari Natter and Josh Wingrove

President Donald Trump is reversing course on his plan to construct a nuclear waste dump in Nevada, a key swing state where residents have bitterly opposed the project.

Nuclear Waste Site Near Lake Huron Nixed After Indigenous Vote

By James Munson

A Canadian utility shelved plans to store nuclear waste near one of the Great Lakes after First Nation communities voted against the project.

EPA, Hawaii Accused of Overlooking Microplastics in Water

By Maya Earls

The EPA failed to consider the polluting effects of microplastics when approving lists of at-risk bodies of water in Hawaii, a nonprofit said in federal court in Hawaii.

North Carolina Court Approves Duke Coal Ash Deal

By Andrew M. Ballard

A North Carolina court has approved a settlement over closing Duke Energy Corp.'s remaining coal ash ponds in the state.

INSIGHT

INSIGHT: Blockchain Can Ease Costs From New Maritime Fuel Regulations

New maritime regulations requiring higher-grade fuel will increase sustainability and improve environmental conditions but will also increase shipping costs. ShipChain CEO John Monarch says blockchain can calm the waves of this disruption and help shippers go full steam ahead.

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